

Friday 27 November 2026

It certainly feels as though Christmas is on its way at Isbourne Valley (oh yes it is!).

A huge thank you to Lisa Drury and FIVS for organising two highly successful and very popular Wreath Making Evenings. The events were wonderfully attended and proved to be an excellent fundraiser for the school, as well as a great opportunity for parents, carers and friends of the school to come together for a fun social evening.

There has certainly been plenty of music ringing around the school. From Christmas Choir rehearsals and Nativity songs to preparations for Young Voices, pupils have been busy learning a wide range of festive performances. Windrush Class have also been filling the corridors with the sounds of cornets, and it has been fantastic to see the progress they are making.

Coln Class enjoyed some Forest School fun, taking part in parachute games and even creating a crackling "campfire" in the middle of the parachute. There were some super examples of enthusiasm and imagination on show.

Last Friday, we had to show a little determination and resilience, but we finally made it to the pantomime after some unexpected travel difficulties! Thankfully, the theatre company waited for us and the children were able to enjoy what proved to be a brilliant performance. The trip has already inspired some fantastic writing back at school, with pupils eager to capture the excitement and humour of the experience.

Although the disco was necessarily a little shorter than planned due to the travel delays, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We may just have to find a way to squeeze in a little extra disco time next term!

Finally, don't forget to sign up for our Bedtime Stories event next Wednesday if you haven't already. Hot chocolate, a biscuit and a story make for a perfect early evening, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Mr Godding
Headteacher

All updated policies are available on the website or from the school office on request

Next Week

Monday: Coln Class Holst Museum Trip, Forest School Evenlode Class
Tuesday: Art Workshop
Wednesday: Art Workshop, Stanway Club Choir Performance, Bedtime Stories
Thursday: Cornet Assembly Windrush Class, Winchcombe Christmas Festival Choir Performance
Friday:

Fairness Heroes

Coln – Leo for ensuring our classroom is a fair place for all
Avon – Barney for his thoughtful contributions on how to make the classroom a fairer place for everyone
Windrush – Eirian for consistently demonstrating fairness, integrity, and respect towards others
Evenlode – Jessamy for demonstrating some tremendous group work in science and modelling our value through this

Awards

Headteacher's Award this week goes to **Rocco** for putting in a super effort with all of his work
Lunchtime Award this week goes to **Jessamy** for being a kind, thoughtful and supportive role model to Coln Class at lunchtime this week
Bronze cards awarded to **Jessamy, Uma, Darcey, Matilda, Elowen, Sammy, Myles** and **Henry D-L**

Our Stars of the Week are:

- **Joshua** in **Coln** for showing resilience and perseverance with his reading and writing
- **Florence** in **Avon** for her amazing singing in preparation for the upcoming Nativity
- **George H** in **Windrush** for demonstrating amazing Maths
- **Francesca** in **Evenlode** for a brilliant effort in maths on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000

Well done to everyone for their awards!